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Soichi HOMMA) Group Art Unit: 2826
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Serial No.: 10/798,433)
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND) Confirmation No.: 6546
MANUFACTURING METHOD OF)
THE SAME)

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Sir:

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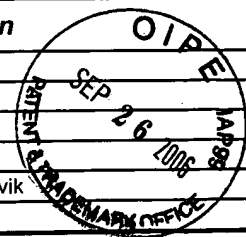
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